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In Re: U.S. Patent Application of
RICHARD H. BREINLINGER

Application No. 09/927,854

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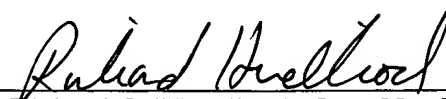
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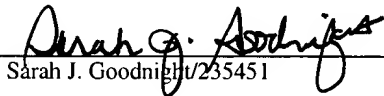


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